

# Personals of Capital Secret and Fraternal Societies

## Masonic.

The Circle Club whose membership consists of Master Masons employed by the District government, has one of the largest meetings in its history on Thursday night, February 7, at the Pythian Temple.

A series of surprises were given the new and old members. The president, Charles Albert Stevens, the several Masonic organizations of which he is an active member were on hand to greet him. Almas Temple Patrol escorted the illustrious potentate, L. Whiting Estes, who was received with due honors. The patrol put on one of its famous drills.

Grand Monarch Edward S. Schmidt, of the Velleo Prophets, was present, being escorted by the Kallipolis Brass Band and the glee club. President Stevens is the director of this band. The concert given by the band was greatly enjoyed.

W. M. J. T. Fowler, accompanied by the members of Anacostia Lodge, and H. P. Raymond D. Fillins, escorted by Anacostia Chapter, R. A. M., were also present to honor President Stevens.

Potentate L. Whiting Estes presented to the newly installed president a beautiful bouquet of flowers as a token of his appreciation for his able leadership of the Shrine Band.

During the celebration the following numbers were given: Solos by Nelson Oliver and Milton Fillins, accompanied by Miller Davis, selection by Kallipolis Band, a sketch entitled "The Burglar" by Charles A. Stevens, John H. Shreve and Charles D. Shackelford. Several numbers were rendered by Billy Sunday's right hand man, the Kallipolis Band, assisted by Messrs. M. J. Shreve and Peterson and it goes without saying that they made a "hit." The entertainment closed by singing "Brighten the Corner Where You Are," led by Rodolfo.

Refreshments were served in the banquet hall and the 500 members and friends of President Stevens left the hall humming "Brighten the Corner Where You Are."

The following were unanimously elected honorary members of the Circle Club: Lem Towers, Jr., grand master of Masons of the District; L. Whiting Estes, potentate of the shrine; Edward S. Schmidt, grand monarch of the Velleo Prophets of America; Henry Lansburgh, and Charles D. Shackelford.

Members of the fraternity as a whole will be sorry to hear of the recent severe accident to Rev. Hugh T. Stevenson, grand chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Masons, who fell on the slippery streets last Wednesday, sustaining fracture of the right arm and also a dislocation.

## The Grotto

At the recent annual meeting of the Kallipolis Grand Monarch Edward S. Schmidt, assisted by Past Monarch John M. Spellman, of Delhi Grotto, of Dallas, Tex., and Past Monarch R. B. Dekey, P. R. Pullman, and Charles A. Stevens, of Kallipolis Grotto, installed the following officers for the year 1918:

Monarch, Allen H. Rogers; chief justice, Charles D. Shackelford; master of ceremonies, Charles A. Stevens; treasurer, Joseph H. Curran; secretary, Past Monarch E. W. Libbey; sentinel, Alex. Schmidt, and trustee, Past Monarch John H. Shreve.

The Grotto Drill Corps announces another of their famous dances at Rauscher's on February 15, to which all prophets and their friends are invited.

Prophet Edward P. Schmidt, son of Grand Monarch Schmidt, is receiving the condolences of his fellow prophets over the loss of his wife during the past week. She had taken their small son to the hospital for a minor operation, was taken suddenly ill upon her return home and died the following morning.

Grand Monarch Edward S. Schmidt is planning an extensive trip to officially visit a number of the grottoes. He will be accompanied by his daughter, Miss Florence Schmidt, who will act as his secretary en route.

His itinerary include visits to Atlanta, Pensacola, Chattanooga, Shreveport, New Orleans, Dallas, Houston, San Francisco, Seattle, Colorado Springs, Chicago, and several intermediate points.

The newly elected officers of Kallipolis Grotto are taking hold with a vim and are determined to make 1918 a record-breaking year for activity.

Up to date twenty-three members of the grotto have responded to the colors and of this number several have gone "over there" and are now somewhere in France.

## Knights of Pythias.

**LODGES.**  
Monday—Decker, No. 7, and Calumet, No. 11, business.  
Tuesday—Webster, No. 7; Excelsior, No. 11; Capital, No. 23, and Myrtle, No. 24, business.  
Wednesday—Mount Vernon, No. 5; Hermitage, No. 12; Union, No. 22, and Columbia, No. 26, business.  
Friday—Syracusan, No. 10, page rank.

**PYTHIAN SISTERS.**  
Wednesday—Friendship Temple, No. 3, valentine party.  
Friday—Bartholomew, No. 4, business.

Grand Chancellor F. H. Melick is in receipt of letters from a number of State domains containing names of their members now in training in nearby camps. To all of these brother knights a cordial invitation is extended to visit the local lodges, where a fraternal welcome is assured them.

The various lodges are responding in the war relief campaign, aside from the special contribution requested by Supreme Chancellor Brown, who plans to raise a fund of \$500,000. The Pythian order was born in the closing days of the civil war, February 19, 1864, inspired by a patriotic desire to offset the hard conditions created by that conflict. Great good was accomplished then in rekindling the brotherhood of men between those who had battled in opposing camps.

Patriotism, all pervading, rules the membership, whether in camps, families or stalwart young Pythians are training for the accomplishment of world peace, or in the lodge room, where the Stars and Stripes are saluted as the first step in the proceedings, all members at attention.

Webster Lodge, No. 7, held an enthusiastic meeting Tuesday night. The new officers are getting results and the future looks bright for the lodge, as applications are coming in, promising a busy spring, it is announced.

Syracusan Lodge, No. 10, will confer the rank of page for Capital Lodge, No. 24, Friday night.

Amaranth Lodge, No. 23, held a rehearsal Monday night by the rank team, preparatory to conferring the degree on February 13.

Among the appointments announced in general orders, No. 19, issued recently by Maj. Gen. William H. Loomis, in command of the uniform rank, is that of Thomas K.

London, of this city, to be colonel and aide-de-camp.

The golden jubilee celebration of Syracusean Lodge, No. 10, was a great success both in attendance and the entertainment provided for members and visitors. B. Frank Schaffer, past grand chancellor of Maryland, made a splendid patriotic address, and good fellowship prevailed throughout the evening. Many members of the order in the uniform of the United States were present.

**Pythian Sisters.**  
Friendship Temple, No. 3, will hold a valentine party Wednesday night at the Pythian Temple. Grand Chief Della Cherry, of Norfolk, Va., who had expected to be present, has been compelled to postpone her visit to a later date.

The degrees were conferred at the meeting Wednesday night, and the following ways and means committee appointed: Mrs. Tillie Rock, Mrs. Nettie Crowthers, Mrs. Helen Kennicutt, Mrs. Carrie Davis, Mrs. Addie Freeman, Mrs. Foster, and Mrs. Etelle Melick. This committee will endeavor to increase the membership as well as the finances of the temple. Past Grand Chief Elsie Vandervort was reported ill and Past Chief Adah Kimmel, who has been convalescent, was reported as suffering a relapse and confined to her home.

## Odd Fellows.

Monday—Union, No. 11; Beacon, No. 13, and Langdon, No. 26, business.  
Tuesday—Amity, No. 27, degree; Golden Rule, No. 2, business.  
Wednesday—Eastern, No. 7, degree; Federal City, No. 20, degree; Harmony, No. 9, business.  
Thursday—Columbia, No. 13, degree; Columbia, No. 19; Excelsior, No. 12; Phoenix, No. 25, business; Salem, No. 22, anniversary.  
Friday—Metropolis, No. 14, degree; Central No. 1, business.

**ENCAMPMENTS.**  
Tuesday—Fred D. Stuart, No. 7, degree.  
Friday—Magenum, No. 4, degree.  
Saturday—Canton Washington, No. 1, social.

Salem Lodge No. 22 will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the institution of the lodge on Thursday evening in Anacostia Hall, formerly Haines' Hall, near the corner of Nichols avenue and Good Hope road, Anacostia. Committees have been appointed and plans made for an attractive program. Invitations have been sent out by Secretary Davison inviting all members of lodges in this jurisdiction to attend and bring with them a visiting delegation from their jurisdiction.

Salem Lodge has its boosting committee under good headway and expects to wind up the year by showing Grand Master Humphreys that it has done more than its "bit" in the great drive. The lodge meets on the second and fourth Thursday nights of each month and on all fifth Thursdays. A special invitation is extended by the lodge to all visiting members who may be in this jurisdiction to attend the anniversary exercises Thursday evening.

Excelsior Lodge No. 17 will hold its regular meeting in the temporary headquarters of the order, Nineteenth and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, Thursday evening. The evening will be devoted to considering reports on memberships and other lodge matters. The lodge expects that all officers will be present.

Eastern Lodge, No. 7, will confer the first degree in full form Wednesday evening. At the last meeting several candidates were initiated and will be recommended for the first degree Wednesday. Eastern Lodge has twenty members serving the colors in the army and navy; this number is the largest on any of the subordinate lodges of this jurisdiction.

Fred D. Stuart Encampment, No. 7, will confer the Golden Rule degree at its regular meeting Tuesday evening. Conferring of degrees will take place every regular meeting of the camp until it moves into the new quarters in the temple, when it is expected that a large class will be started and the new members will form in the new room, which will be fitted up especially for encampment work.

Golden Rule, No. 21, started its regular meeting in the temporary headquarters of the order, Nineteenth and Pennsylvania avenue northwest, Thursday evening. The evening will be devoted to considering reports on memberships and other lodge matters. The lodge expects that all officers will be present.

Members of Mount Pleasant Lodge are urged to attend the meeting of February 19, as at this time several subjects will be debated that will be of great interest to the lodge.

It is the imperative duty of every member to attend this meeting and to impress and urge every other member he may meet to do the same.

Measures are proposed that must be seriously considered by every member, and it is an unquestionable duty for every man to be present and to give his support for or against these measures.

Much pleasure was derived from the get-acquainted meeting, and it is the intention of the entertainment committee to pull such stunts from time to time. The lodge meets at Fourth and Kenyon streets northwest.

**The Rebekah Degree.**  
Monday—Decker, No. 7, Degree.  
Tuesday—Ladies Auxiliary, Canton Washington, No. 1, 426 Eighth street northeast.  
Wednesday—Mount Pleasant, No. 5, Business.  
Friday—Marian, No. 8, Business.

Mrs. Mary M. Dement, president of the Rebekah Assembly, in company with her associate officers and the past president of the assembly and Past Noble Grand Annie M. Cole, member of the assembly executive committee, attended a called meeting of Grand Master John T. Humphreys at Friendship Lodge, No. 12, for the purpose of considering plans whereby the sale of war saving stamps would be increased among the members of the fraternity could give the government more assistance in winning the war.

President Mrs. Abbie Gates of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Canton Washington, No. 1, has called a meeting of the members of the auxiliary at the home of Mrs. Harry, 426 Eighth street northeast, on Tuesday evening. At this meeting plans will be submitted relating to a spring campaign and also regarding the dedication of the temple.

Esther Lodge No. 5 will confer the degree upon several candidates at its regular meeting tomorrow evening. The degree team will be under the direction of Degree Director Past Noble Grand Ann Billings.

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## Getting Used to "Hell's Fumes"



This trench in an American training camp is filled with "hell's fumes," as they are called by the soldiers who have been through it over there. These heavy gases hug the ground and sink down into deep trenches and dugouts. Nothing is left undone at the American camp to give Sammy training which approximates actual war conditions. The soldier in the trench shown here is going through deadly poison gas. His helmet eliminates all danger of asphyxiation when properly used.

NOTE—If you want a copy of this photograph send 10 cents and this clipping to the Division of Pictures, Committee on Public Information, Washington.

behalf of the lodge, received the flag and in his reply recited "My Flag and Your Flag." Members from other jurisdictions and members of sister lodges are invited to be present and witness the work of the degree team at the meeting tomorrow evening.

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day night at the home of Sovereign Trainers, 912 K street southeast. Three applications were received and one initiated. The application committee on the Mothers' Day campaign was appointed. The next meeting will be held at the home of Sovereign Burns, 624 Fifteenth street northeast, the first Tuesday in March.

The Woodmen's Home Rifle Company met last Tuesday at Washington Hall, Capt. Wilsner in command. All Woodmen of Washington are appreciative of the honor which has been conferred upon their sovereign commander as a member of the advisory board on insurance for soldiers and sailors. Sovereign Commander Fraser expects to visit all the camps in Washington.

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The members of the local camps received with regret the news of the loss by death of Oliver H. Lahm. Mr. Lahm joined the organization in 1905. In 1907 he was appointed a district deputy, with headquarters at Grand Rapids, a position with which he held until his recent death. Mr. Lahm was for several years ranking deputy in Michigan.

**Royal Neighbors of America.**  
At the meeting of Myra B. Enright Camp, No. 1257, on Friday night, it was decided to hold a Valentine Party on February 11, and Mrs. Florence Lyons, Mrs. Anna Figgitt and Mrs. Alwine Miller were named a committee to prepare a program for the evening. One application for membership was received. Remarks by various members were of a pleasing nature.

**Fidelis Camp, No. 6701, meets in Pythian Temple on Tuesday night.**  
Carnation Camp, Royal Neighbors of America, held its annual birthday party in its hall on Pennsylvania avenue Wednesday evening. Mrs. Lavelle Ramsaur, the newly elected oracle, presided for the first time and thanked the camp for the trust and high honor given her in the election of oracle and asked each member's loyal support and co-operation to make this one of the most successful years the camp has known. After a short business session the meeting adjourned, to celebrate the eighteenth birthday of the camp. The honor guests of the evening were Miss Hall, of Martinsburg, Iowa; Sgt. Lee Craig, of Camp Meigs, of Iowa, and O. H. Coffin, of Tolbert Camp. Mrs. Ramsaur opened the program with a vocal duet by Hugh Ramsaur and Miss Blanch Ramsaur. Miss Alice Coffin gave several selections on the piano, and Mrs. Helen Nelson Doocy recited a patriotic poem. Over thirty guests and members sat at the banquet table. After the banquet the evening was devoted to dancing.

**Royal Arcanum.**  
Oriental Council on Tuesday evening in Pythian Temple received three applications for membership and adopted resolutions of sympathy for Regent J. H. Grubb, who is confined to Emergency Hospital with a crushed foot. Vice Regent E. G. King presided and Secretary Corbin Birch read a circular letter from Grand Regent C. J. James announcing the initiation to be held in the hall of District Council on March 27 and appointing a committee in charge composed of Supreme Secretary C. J. James, as chairman, Past Grand Regent Arthur E. Cook and S. I. Besseville, Grand Vice Regent J. H. Ruth, Grand Treasurer Geo. M. Copenhaver, Past Regent H. W. Tepler, Perry Cleveland, J. E. Eckloff and F. A. Palmer.

Oriental Council has issued a challenge to all the other councils combined to a contest on securing the greatest number of new members between January 15 and March 1. The grand regent urged all members of the order to purchase War Saving Stamps. Among those present were Supreme Representative Edwin A. James, Past Grand Regent W. W. Chase and J. Ed Swaine, and Messrs. W. B. Hill, W. D. Sherman, W. D. Chase, M. J. Sauter, Henry Boddis, J. Davidson and R. F. Metzler.

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